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"Symmes' Hole."—*Its Origin.*—Most of our readers have doubtless seen allusions to the theory of Capt. Symmes, who maintained that the world is hollow, with an opening at the poles. It created quite as much excitement at the time as Phillips' Fire Annihilator, or Ericsson's Air Propeller, produced among the "moderns." The following copy of one of his circulars will explain his theory:

CIRCULAR.

Light gives light to light discover—ad infinitum.

St. Louis, Mo. Territory, North America, April 20, A. D. 1818.

To All the World: I declare the earth is hollow, and habitable within, containing a number of solid concentric spheres, one with the other; and that it is open at the poles twelve or sixteen degrees. I pledge my life in support of this truth, and am ready to explore the hollow, if the world will support and aid me in the undertaking.

John Cleves Symmes, of Ohio.

N B. I have ready for the press a "Treatise on the Principles of Matter, wherein I show proofs of the above positions; account for various phenomena, and Dr. Darwin's golden secrets. My terms are, the patronage of this and the new world, I dedicate it to my wife and her ten children. I select Dr. O. L. Mitchell, Sir H. Davy, and Baron Alexander De Humboldt as my protectors. I ask one hundred brave companions, well equipped, to start for Siberia, in the fall season, with reindeer and sleighs, on the ice of the frozen sea. I engage we find warm and rich land, stocked with thrifty vegetables and animals, if not man, on reaching one degree northward of latitude 82. We will return in the succeeding spring.

J. C. S.

To His Excellency Governor William Clark.

The above is copied into a number of Niles' Register for 1818, from an Ohio journal, which vouches for Symmes as a man of intelligence and respectability.

Daily Duty.

Capt. Howes' Company.

1 Corporal.
3 Privates getting Gun Carriages ready for Company
1 " Gun Carriages for Company
3 " Tayloring for the Company
2 " Repairing Harness
1 " Cutting wood
1 " Carpenting for the Company
3 " Stone fatigue
2 " Extra Guard
1 " Attending the Sick

Capt Howes' Company

2 Corporals
2 Privates Extra Guard, Cooking, Waiting on the Sick

Feb 17

Morning Report of a Detachment of United States Troops commanded by Lieut Caldwell Dated Ft Brooke Fla: 31st December 1840

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